

CLAIMS:

1. A method of printing a document, said document comprising a plurality of pages sourced from a computer network, said method comprising the steps of:

5 providing a zoom property attribute to scale the document;
displaying a preview window which shows the pages in the document the content of which is scaled based on the zoom property attribute;
determining a user selection, within the preview window, for the pages of the scaled document; and
10 printing a subset of the pages according to the user selection.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the user preference is determined for each page.

15 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the user preference is determined by using a checkbox.

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the checkbox is in a vicinity of the previewed pages.

20 5. A method of printing a multi-page document sourced from a computer network, said method comprising the steps of:
providing a zoom property attribute to scale the multi-page document;

determining whether an amount of content on a last page of a scaled multi-page document, which is scaled based on the zoom property attribute, is less than a predetermined amount; and

when the amount of content is less than the predetermined amount, further scaling 5 the scaled multi-page document down to fit to a nearest whole page and printing the further scaled multi-page document.

6. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure to print a multi-page 10 document sourced from a computer network, said program comprising the steps of:

code for providing a zoom property attribute to scale the document;
code for displaying a preview window which shows the pages in the document the content of which is scaled based on the zoom property attribute;

code for determining whether an amount of content on a last page of a scaled multi-page 15 document, which is scaled based on the zoom property attribute, is less than a predetermined amount; and

code for further scaling the scaled multi-page document down to fit to a nearest whole page when the amount of content is less than the predetermined amount; and
code for printing the further scaled multi-page document.

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7. A computer readable medium according to claim 6 further comprising:

code for determining a user selection, within the preview window, for the pages of the scaled document; and

code for printing a subset of the pages according to the user selection.

8. A method of printing a document sourced from a computer network and spanning a plurality of printable pages, said method comprising the steps of:

5 determining whether an amount of content on a last page of said printable pages is less than a predetermined amount;
when the determined amount of content is less than the predetermined amount, scaling the content down to fit the content to the nearest whole page; and
printing the content.

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9. A method according to claim 8 wherein the nearest whole page is the plurality less one, and if the determined amount of content is greater than said predetermined amount, then printing said plurality of pages, and wherein if the content on the last page is less than the predetermined amount, said method comprises the further step, before said scaling, of:

15 determining a user preference for one of scaling the content to fit the nearest whole page or printing said plurality of pages.

10. A method according to claim 9 wherein said determining comprises presenting a dialog box to the user within a graphical user interface whereby the user can select one of
20 scaling the content to fit the nearest whole page or printing said plurality of pages, said method being performed in conjunction with a graphical user interface arranged to display both a print preview of said document spanning said plurality of pages and a print preview of said document scaled to said nearest whole page.

11. A method according to claim 10 further comprising the step of detecting a user selection of one of said print previews and printing the selected print preview.

5 12. A method according to claim 8 wherein said predetermined amount is user adjustable, said method further comprising the step of presenting a graphical user interface including a value of said predetermined amount and detecting a user's change to said amount made via said graphical user interface.

10 13. A method according to claim 12 wherein said graphical user interface comprises at least one of a numerical representation of said value and a user manipulable graphical representation of said value.

14. A method according to claim 13 further comprising representing said predetermined amount within a bounding area in a graphical user interface and detecting manipulation of said bounding area by the user, said manipulation thereby at least adjusting a scale factor for said scaling.

15. A printing application program arranged for printing a document sourced from a computer network and spanning a plurality of printable pages, said program comprising:
20 code arranged to determine whether an amount of content on a last page of said printable pages is less than a predetermined amount;

code, operable when the amount of content is less than the predetermined amount, for scaling down the content to fit the content to the nearest whole page; and code for printing the content.

5 16. A printing application program according to claim 15 wherein the nearest whole page is the plurality less one, said program further comprising code, operable when the amount of content is greater than said predetermined amount, for printing said plurality of pages.

10 17. A printing application program according to claim 16 wherein said computer network comprises the World Wide Web and said printing application program is configured to interact with a web browser application program having an associated graphical user interface, said printing application program further comprising code arranged to display via said graphical user interface both a print preview of said document spanning 15 said plurality of pages and a print preview of said document scaled to said nearest whole page.

18. A printing application program according to claim 17 further comprising code for detecting a user selection of one of said print previews and printing the selected print 20 preview.

19. A printing application program according to claim 17 further comprising code for presenting a subsidiary graphical user interface box within said graphical user interface of

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said web browser application whereby a user thereof can select one of scaling the content to fit the nearest whole page or printing said plurality of pages.

20. A printing application program according to claim 19 wherein said subsidiary graphical user interface comprises a dialog box including a user manipulable graphical representation of predetermined amount.